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1. REF (B) PROVIDED THE EMBASSY WITH INFORMATION NOT PREVIOUSLY KNOWN TO US. I.E. (A) THE PROBLEM REGARDING RECIPROCAL RADIO RIGHTS, AND (B) THE FACT THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF SPAIN DID NOT ACKNOWLEDGE OUR APPROACH IN 1967 ON THIS SAME QUESTION. THE EMBASSY THEREFORE DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE CONTAINED IN PARA 5 OF REF B AND TO LEAVE WELL ENOUGH ALONE AT THIS TIME.

2. THE LACK ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY THE GOS TO OUR 1967 OVERTURE FOR RADIO RIGHTS COULD BE INTERPRETED AS TACIT APPROVAL FOR THE RADIO OPERATION WHICH GOS DID NOT WISH TO PUT IN WRITING.

3. AS REF B CAUTIONS THE EMBASSY THAT A NEW APPROACH TO THE GOS COULD RESULT IN FORMAL REJECTION, WE ASSUME THE SAME RATIONALE APPLIES TO THE SKYLINK OPERATION. CONSIDERATIONS OF WHETHER TO APPROACH THE GOS WOULD INCLUDE SUCH FACTORS AS THE NECESSITY FOR A CLEAR FREQUENCY, THE LIKELIHOOD OF INTERFERENCE WITH OTHER FREQUENCIES IF WE OPERATED SKYLINK WITHOUT
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FORMAL APPROVAL, AND FINALLY THE LIKELIHOOD OF DETECTION IF

WE OPERATED WITHOUT APPROVAL ALL OF WHICH ARE
TECHNICAL QUESTION WHICH OC IS BETTER QUALIFIED TO
EVALUATE THAN IS EMBASSY. EMBASSY ASSUMES INASMUCH AS
INTERNATIONAL LAW AND CUSTOM, AS WELL AS ARTICLE 27 OF
THE VIENNA CONVENTION, GUARANTEE DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS
THE RIGHT TO UNHINDERED COMMUNICATIONS, MORE SPECIFIC
AND FORMAL APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED. WE WILL BE GUIDED BY
THE DEPARTMENT'S ADVICE.
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